ധനകാര്യമന്ത്രി (ശ്രീ. സി. അച്യുതമേനോൻ):

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Collection of duty by the Copra Marketiny Society.

* 1595. [30] **Shri K. S. Achuthan:** Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the Copra Marketing Society is still collecting a duty of 50nP. per candy of copra, for taking the same from Malabay area into Cochin area; and

(b) in view of the oneness of Kerala and to avoid unnecessary loss and hardship to the public, will the Government take early steps to prevent this by making necessary changes in the law relating to this matter?

Minister for Finance (**Shri C. Achutha Menon**):

(a) Government are aware that the Malabar Marketing Committee is collecting 50 nP. on every candy of copra bought and sold in or transported from the Malabar area.

(b) Bringing the entire State under one Agricultural Marketing Legislation is under the active consideration of Government.

Indo-Mercantile Bank Ltd., Cochin.

* 1596. [33] **Shri K. Chandrasekharan:** Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state:

(a) is there any proposal to merge the Indo-Mercantile Bank Ltd., Cochin with the Travancore Bank Ltd;

(b) is it a fact that Government would lose about Rupees Thirty-eight lakhs on account of the amalgamation;

(c) would the name of the amalgamated Bank be changed into the Bank of Kerala Ltd.;

(d) would Government be pleased to see that continuity of service is ensured to the employees of the Indo-Mercantile Bank Ltd., Cochin even after amalgamation and in the newly amalgamated bank;

(e) is it a fact that the proposed newly constituted Bank would work as a subsidiary unit of the State Bank of India;

(f) whether Government have received any representation from the All Kerala Bank Employees Union in respect of (d) above; if so, what action Government have taken or contemplate to take; and

(g) would Government be pleased to convene a tripartite conference in respect of (f), so as to come to an amicable agreement?

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